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A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified. Markings indicate any changes that have been made to claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

Claims 1 - 26 (CANCELLED)

27. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, before a player ends a gaming session at a gaming device, a request for monetary output at the gaming device;

determining an amount associated with the request;

determining an available balance of credit available to a player for wagering at the gaming device, from which available balance the amount is to be provided,

wherein the available balance is a balance resulting from the player providing the gaming device with monetary input, and further

wherein the amount associated with the request is less than the available balance.

28.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

providing the amount.

29.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein providing the amount comprises:

outputting at least one of coins, bills and tokens based on the amount.

30.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

determining an adjusted available balance based on the amount associated with the request.

31.   (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer usable medium having a computer readable program means embodied therein for operating a computing device, the computer readable program means in said article of manufacture storing instructions for causing the computing device to:

perform the method of claim 27.

32.   (Currently Amended) A gaming device, comprising:

a memory;

a communication port; and

a processor ~~connected to~~ operative to communicate with said memory and said communication port, said processor being further operative to:

perform the method of claim 27.

33. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

determining a first available balance of credit available for wagering that is associated with a gaming device;

determining a first portion of the first available balance to be output, the first portion being less than the first available balance,

wherein the first available balance is a balance resulting from the player providing the gaming device with monetary input;

providing the first portion;

determining a second available balance of credit available for wagering that is associated with the gaming device, the second available balance being determined based on the first available balance and the first portion;

determining a second portion of the second available second balance to be output, the second portion of the second available balance being less than the second available balance; and

providing the second portion.

34.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the first portion is equal to the second portion.

35.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the first portion is not equal to the second portion.

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36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein at least one of the first portion and the second portion is determined based on a request from a player identifying the at least one of the first portion and the second portion.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the request from the player identifies an amount of currency to be dispensed from the gaming device.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36, wherein the request from the player identifies a percentage of at least one of the first available balance and the second available balance.

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein at least one of the first portion and the second portion is determined based on a rule selected by a player of the gaming device.

40. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer usable medium having a computer readable program means embodied therein for operating a computing device, the computer readable program means in said article of manufacture storing instructions for causing the computing device to:

perform the method of claim 33.

41.   (Currently Amended) A gaming device, comprising:

       a memory;

       a communication port; and

       a processor ~~connected~~ operative to communicate with said memory
and said communication port, said processor being further operative to:

       perform the method of claim 33.

42.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

       determining, for a gaming device, a first balance of credit available for
wagering,

              wherein the first available balance of credit is a balance resulting from
the player providing the gaming device with monetary input;

       determining a request to output a first portion of the first available balance,
the first portion being less than the first available balance,

              wherein the first request identifies a first form in which the first
portion is to be provided;

       providing the first portion in the first form based on the request;

       determining, for the gaming device, a second balance of credit available for
wagering based at least on the first portion and the first balance;

       receiving a second request to output a second portion of the second balance,
the second portion of the second balance being less than the second balance,

              wherein the second request identifies a second form in which the
second portion is to be provided; and

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providing the second portion in the second form, based on the request,

wherein at least one of the first form and the second form comprises at

least one of coins, bills and tokens dispensed from the gaming device.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein at least one of the

first form and the second form comprises electronically transferring at least one of

the first portion and the second portion to a second gaming device.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the first request is

received at a first time and the second request is received at a second time, the

second time occurring after the first time.

45. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer usable medium having a computer readable program means

embodied therein for operating a computing device, the computer readable

program means in said article of manufacture storing instructions for causing the

computing device to:

perform the method of claim 42.

46.   (Currently Amended) A gaming device, comprising:

a memory;

a communication port; and

a processor ~~connected~~ operative to communicate with said memory and said communication port, said processor being further operative to:

perform the method of claim 42.

47.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

determining, for a gaming device, a first balance of credit available for wagering,

wherein the first available balance is a balance stored in a memory of the gaming device, and further

wherein the first available balance is a balance resulting from the player providing the gaming device with monetary input;

determining a request to output a portion of the first available balance, the portion being less than the available balance;

determining a form in which to output the portion, based on the request; and

providing the portion in the determined form.

48.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein providing the portion ~~form~~ comprises dispensing ~~of~~ at least one of coins, bills and tokens from the gaming device.

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49.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 47, wherein <u>providing</u> the ~~form~~

<u>portion</u> comprises electronically transferring credits to a second gaming device.

50.   (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a computer usable medium having a computer readable program means

embodied therein for operating a computing device, the computer readable

program means in said article of manufacture storing instructions for causing the

computing device to:

perform the method of claim 47.

51.   (Currently Amended) A gaming device, comprising:

a memory;

a communication port; and

a processor ~~connected~~ <u>operative</u> to <u>communicate with</u> said memory

and said communication port, said processor being <u>further</u> operative to:

perform the method of claim 47.

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